

IPA welcomes academicians for the 16th Eastern Caribbean Island Cultures Conference

SAN NICOLAS -- Yesterday morning marked the opening of the three-day Eastern Caribbean Island Cultures Conference, "Islands In Between," being conducted for the first time on Aruba. This prestigious scholarly event has brought honored academicians from all corners of the Caribbean. It is co-organized by the University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras, the University of the West Indies at Cave Hill, Barbados, and the University of the Virgin Islands,

Caribbean Cultural Center, with Aruba's Institutio Pedagogico Arubano, IPA, the island's teacher training facility.

Official opening ceremonies took place in the John Wesley Auditorium in San Nicolas, with succeeding workshops conducted at the IPA. Officially welcoming presenters and delegates on behalf of Aruba were the Director of IPA, Ava Thode and Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Primary Sector, Otmar Oduber.

Ms. Thode told the gathering "This conference is important and meaningful because of the community-based approach...we believe in strong links with the community. We believe participation of the broader community will bring about a deeper understanding of what we do and what we research...learning and creating together, creating connections and networks during this conference will, in general, contribute towards our goals. We promote culture and continuous learning. This conference generously provides opportunities to share knowledge and continue learning. The scale, yet intimacy, of this conference provides us with ample chances for our voices to be heard."

Minister Oduber, who returns to office after four years as serving as Minister of Tourism and Transport, commented on his just being appointed Minister of Culture six days ago. He pointed out, however, the inextricable dependence of tourism on an island's culture and its preservation. He observed it was very fitting that the present conference, examining the diversity of Caribbean cultures, yet underlying similarities, should be taking place in San Nicolas, the Aruban city particularly noted for its multicultural makeup.

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Aruba is invited to give the Dutch Royal couple a warm welcome!



On November 20th and 21st the Dutch Royal couple will be visiting Aruba. This will be King Willem-Alexander's first official visit since taking over the throne. (see story inside on pg 3)

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Four successful adult Cochlear implants performed on island



The Cochlear implant team

ORANJESTAD -- Officials and staff of the Fundacion pa Esnan cu Problema di Oido, FEPO, the Foundation for the Hearing Impaired, welcomed island media to their headquarters in Oranjestad on Wednesday afternoon to introduce the newly formed Cochlear Implant Team, headed by Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist, Dr. Steve Cabenda.

The program to have an on-island group for conducting Cochlear Implants has been developing since the first implant operation was performed in 2012 by a team from Holland, assisted by Dr. Cabenda.

Heading that team from Holland was Professor Dr. Stokroos from Maastricht, Holland, who performed the



first implants on very young children born with hearing impairments. Initially, they had been sent to Holland, a costly process involving the travel and living expenses for the child and parent. The will to learn to perform the procedure and the follow-up technology existed on the island, with far less burden on the

budget of Aruba's national health insurance, AZV. Since then, an additional seven children and one adult had received implants.

This time, Professor Dr. Stokroos supervised four procedures being performed by Dr. Cabenda on four adult recipients. These took place Wednesday and Thursday morning at the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital. He praised Dr. Cabenda for his technique during this relatively simple surgery, which takes one or two hours at most.

The AZV has budgeted four Cochlear Implants annually, and until this year, hearing impaired infants and children had priority. When deafness has been detected in babies, the earlier the implant is administered the better, allowing the child to develop language skills and learning at a pace to its peers with normal hearing.

For adults who have lost their hearing, it is possible to regain it and again live relatively normal lives. This does not happen overnight with the implant of the equipment, but is a process, hence the formation of the "Cochlear Implant Team." The procedure is tar-

geted to those who have lost their hearing specifically because of damage to the sensory hair cells in the cochlea, in the inner ear. As of the end of 2010, approximately 219,000 people worldwide have received cochlear implants; in the U.S., roughly 42,600 adults and 28,400 children are recipients. The vast majority are in developed countries due to the high cost of the device, surgery and post-implantation therapy.

The quality of sound from an implant is different from natural hearing, with less sound information being received and processed by the brain. However, many patients are able to hear and understand speech and environmental sounds. Newer devices and processing-strategies allow recipients to hear better in noise, enjoy music, and even use their implant processors while swimming.

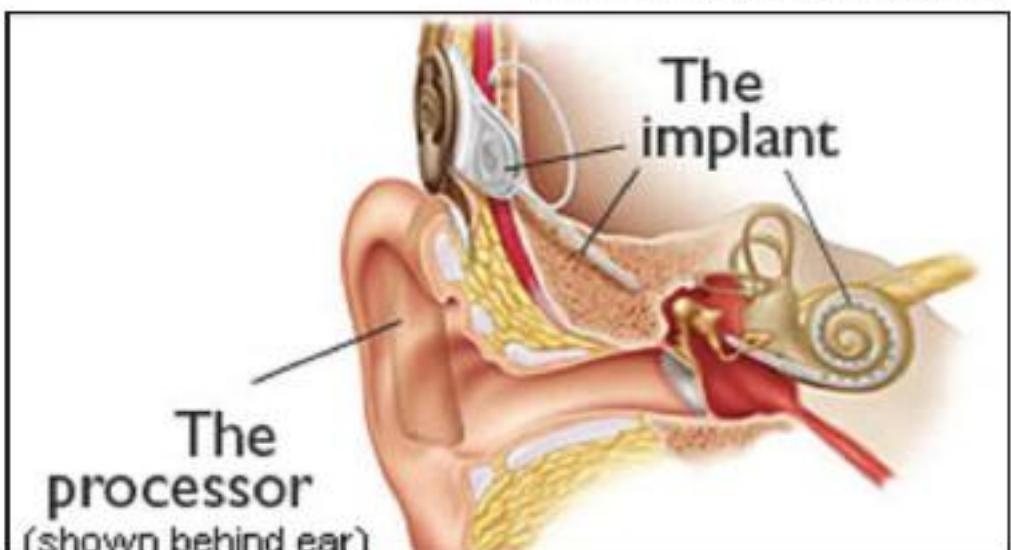
Following the surgery, the implant is given six weeks to "cure," then the exterior portion—the "microphone" of the equipment, is attached. Over a period of ten weeks it is fine-tuned via computer by an IT specialist trained in the process, to exactly meet the needs and sensitivities of the patient. This period also involved therapy with a FEPO staffer, Crystal van Nas, who will train them to function

with this new method of hearing. Another FEPO staffer will also work with the family to assist them in understanding the needs of their hearing impaired member as they regain their sense and learn to function with the electronically based hearing. "It is not as if the patient wakes up the next day and says 'Aha! I can hear again!'" explained Ms. van Nas, "it is a process."

Dr. Cabenda emphasized that Aruba is now unique among Caribbean islands in having a team working on all aspects of a patient regaining their hearing through Cochlear Implants. They are already planning procedures on patients from Curacao, and foresee accepting clients from islands as distant as Trinidad and Tobago, or Jamaica, which have not established the procedure in their medical systems as yet. "This could be a step towards establishing "medical tourism" for Aruba," he noted.

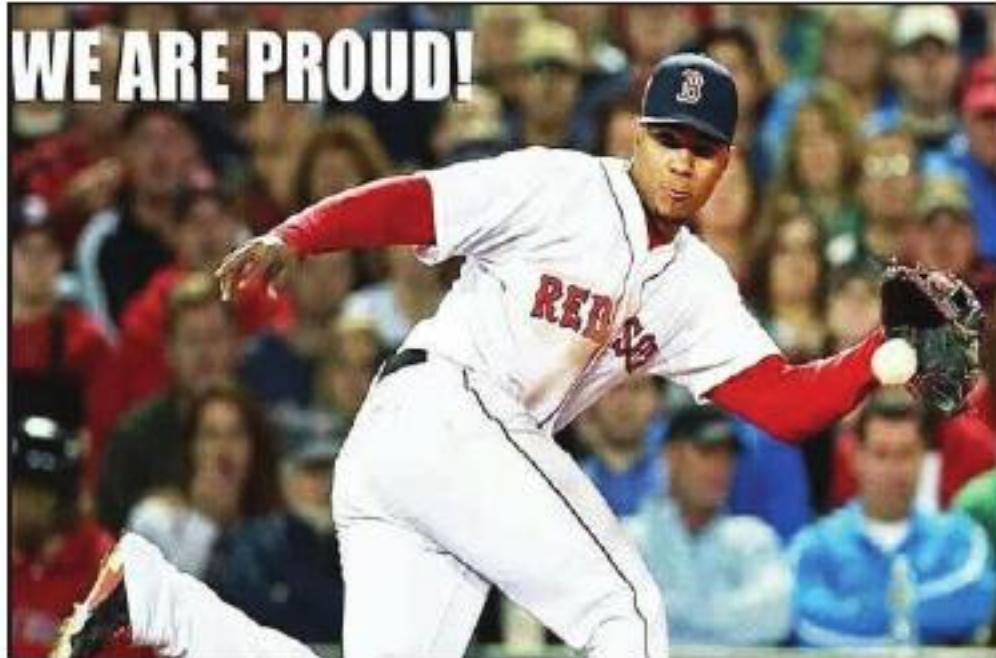
While on the island, Professor Dr. Stokroos also met with the young patients who had received the earlier implants, and reports he was very pleased by how they are progressing in their development of language and learning skills.

By Rosalie Klein



The implant diagram

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role model for all.

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Paseo Herencia together with Aruba's government invites the entire community to be part of the unveiling at 6:30 p.m. where Xander will receive a star dedicated to him at the main entrance of Paseo Herencia, as a tribute to his tremendous performance in the sport of baseball.

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Aruba is invited to give the Dutch Royal couple a warm welcome!

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba is preparing for the very first visit of His Royal Highness King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima on the 20th and 21st of November. There is a tremendous spirit of enthusiasm for this visit in view of the great love and appreciation the people of Aruba feels for the Royal House. Two years ago the Royal couple was here together with Queen Beatrix and they impressed us with their graciousness and love for our people.

For this first official visit, in consultancy with the King's staff events were chosen where traditional ceremonies will be combined with events where the Royal couple can get acquainted with Aruba and its people. They also showed interest in learning of Aruba's future plans and also how Aruba wishes to sustain the King in his work, this was reported in a message posted on the website of Governor Refunjol: www.bishitareal2013.aw.

In the program to be presented to the Royal couple it is interesting to see that each

generation - children, young people, adults and senior citizens play a role during the visit making it possible for the King to get and know each generation. One of the Royal couple's wishes was to really be visible to the public as much as possible.

This is why two big events are being organized where the general public can be present. The first such event will be on November 20th in front of City Hall. Here all schools are invited for this event from 10:00 in the morning.

King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima will arrive while a choir will be singing in their honor. They will pass in front of the general public, who will be able to get a close look, after which they will go to the Governor's Office.

They will then return to the Parliament for a half hour visit and after they leave to visit the new Cocolishi Building where they will meet our government officials. They will then bid goodbye to the general public as they walk back to their automobile.

The Governor extends an invitation to all who can come out and salute the Royal couple in front of the City Hall building, showing them a warm welcome and making them feel at home on our beautiful island Aruba.

The second event will be a public concert to take place at the ruins of Bushiribana. This promises to be a tremendous evening with presentations by our local artists as well as artists from Holland who have a relationship with Aruba. This concert is for the entire island.

In this concert we will experience video mapping and the use of modern technology.

The Commission preparing for this royal visit extends a cordial invitation to the entire island to come out and be present for these great public events. Young people are invited to participate in the Exposition organized for the "Show the King" event. Visit Facebook or their website for the details at www.bishitareal2013.aw. The deadline for participation registration is November 11th.

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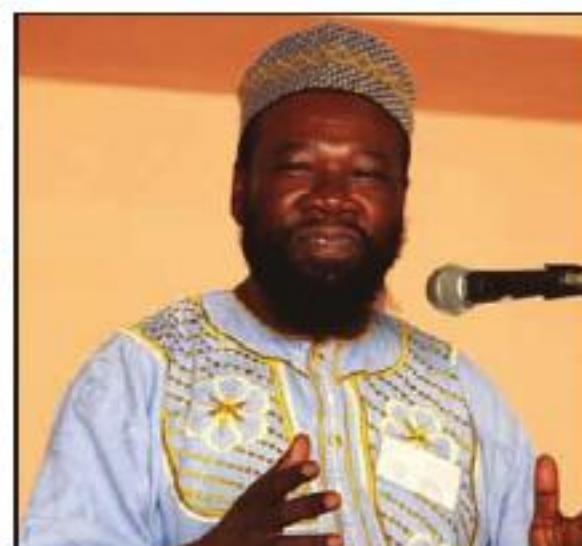
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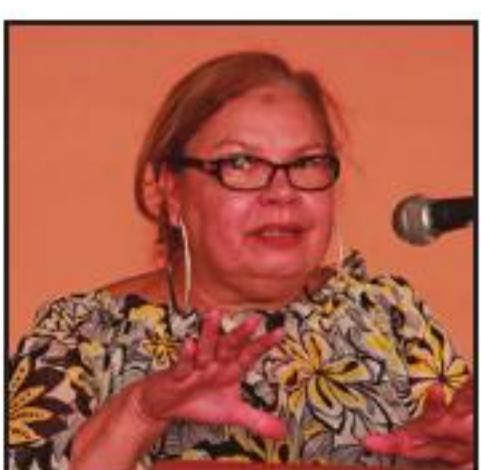
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IPA's Ava Thode

He complimented the organizers on their community sharing premise, as he firmly believes "knowledge is something to be shared with all the stakeholders in society, as the voice of each individual carries great value."

After his welcome to the delegates, Minister Oduber, along with the Director of Aruba's National Library, Astrid Britten, was presented with a printed edition of the papers presented at last year's conference, titled "Researching the Rhizome." Rhizome is a biological term that has been adapted to philosophical thought "to describe theory and research that allows for multiple, non-hierarchical entry and exit points in data representation and interpretation."

Representatives of the organizing institutions came forward to welcome all and express some thoughts on the importance of these cultural conferences. Dannabang Kuwabong, Professor of



Presentation of "Researching the Rhizome" to Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber (L) and to Astrid Britten



Tyrone Ali of the University of West Indies, St. Augustine



Aruban delegates

Caribbean Literature in the English Department of the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, told the gathering the conference was established with the concept of reaching out to the smaller Caribbean islands. "The ones that are marginalized and forgotten...or even totally ignored. It provides the opportunity of showcasing their own culture, their abilities, to the rest of the world.

To make the world know that these communities are actually part the world and their

contribution is central to harmony in the world."

Tyrone Ali of the University of West Indies came next, with ChenziRa Davis Kahina of Director of the Virgin Islands Caribbean Cultural Center, better known as "Dr. Chen," closing the welcoming addresses. Considered "a visionary," Dr. Chen is well known as an academic, psychotherapist, and community activist.

"It is an honor to come before you and share some remarks on behalf of the

University of Virgin Islands," stated Dr. Chen. "We have a reflection we always share when we come to this particular conference...If you say that the purpose of Caribbean education is to produce the ideal Caribbean person, and that this person should have the ability to learn, to lead, to do and to live together, then our assessment processes must reflect these competencies and attributes...We must recognize all those "islands in-between," and even those smaller, vibrant islands. We also speak of culture as "evolving... a living experience." So it is very important

to be open for the Island In Between Conference, and recognize that as well, whether it is through the language...the dance, through the music, the arts, and DEFINITELY the food."

The Keynote Speaker for the morning was Luciano Milliard, an Aruban poet and writer, when he isn't lecturing on Constitutional Law at the University of Aruba. His presentation, "Multiple Voices, One Culture-The story of San Nicolas and Aruba" will be featured in tomorrow's edition of THE MORNING NEWS.

By Rosalie Klein

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Aruba Hospital's Rehabilitation Department attends NASKHO Congress



ORANJESTAD -- Just recently the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital's Rehabilitation Department travelled to Curacao to attend the Naskho (Netherlands-Caribbean Foundation for Higher Clinical Education) congress. The primary goal for their participation with the entire department was for everyone to be on the same level regarding information and education on the topics presented.

The topics handled different areas the department deals with on a daily basis. This will surely improve the service that the rehabilitation department renders and will render in the future to patients from the moment they appear at the information counter up to the moment they meet with the therapists.

During the congress themes such as: Fibromyal-

gia, "bracing," shoulder complaints, what to do after a operation where articulation was replaced, prognostic factors after a cerebral lesion after a trauma, pain in the shoulder after CVA, neuropathy, Developmental Coordination Disorder, deformation of the leg of a child, children with cerebral palsy and Guillain Barre.

Our local rehabilitation specialist Dr. Kyle Bennett spoke about Guillain Barre here on Aruba. The congress also offered different interesting workshops for all disciplines of the rehabilitation department. The focus was on theory and practice of the following topics: amputation, CVA (stroke) and cerebral trauma.

Special contacts and links were established during the congress between the departments of Aruba and Curacao,

St. Maarten and Holland. There was also interchange between primary care doctors of Aruba who also participated in the congress.

The Aruba department reports having received valuable experience at this congress. The experience they indicate will contribute greatly to their multidisciplinary work that their department exercises. It also improved their "teambuilding." The participants and speakers of the congress admired the team spirit of the rehabilitation department of Aruba. Our team returned home recharged with a lot of new knowledge and information to improve their work. The department's logo is: Rehabilitation is the ultimate teamwork experience!"

In this manner the Aruba Hospital continues to develop and motivate their employees so they can offer an even better care of quality to their patients, who are central.

ORANJESTAD -- Last Monday, Minister Otmar Oduber accompanied by Tiara Air's CEO, Alejandro Muyale, ATA CEO, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes and Director of AIB, Frendsel Giel, for an informative encounter to discuss the situation of this local airline and to seek a possible solution for its current situation.

The Minister informed Parliament that the situation of Tiara Air is currently very difficult. The past week they have been occupied with this situation in view of its consequences for Aruba, for the company and its employees. In Parliament they also measured the economic impact and the influence it could have on our GDP. Tiara Air serves an important market for Aruba, namely, Venezuela.

The Minister indicated that there are a number of points to take into consideration before we can act and before the government can get

involved and to measure how far we can go.

According to Oduber, "Today in a categorical fashion we are conscious that it is important to lend our support, but the support from the government and this Minister has a clear, well defined line which is up to there we can go in the process of offering help. We do not want to create another Air Aruba, we must remain responsible. I believe that there are all the ingredients for getting support at this moment."

The Minister remarked that the company's problem is very urgent, and we must explore how to help and it is for this reason he approached Parliament. It could have been felt that all fractions of Parliament were inclined to offer support to the company as far as this is possible so that Tiara Air Aruba can continue to operate.



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For this reason they will close off the road from the crossing Wilhelminastraat-Irenestraat (Ex-Brenchie) up to the Police Station, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Pentagon cuts risk higher casualties: US generals

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US commanders told lawmakers on Thursday that deep cuts to military spending will leave American forces ill-prepared for combat and risk higher casualties on the battlefield.

The chiefs of all the armed services issued their most serious warning yet on the effect of automatic budget cuts, saying the funding reductions will result in a smaller force that will begin to lose its technological edge.

But even under the automatic cuts, the US military's current budget of roughly \$496 billion far surpasses any other country's defense spending, representing about 40 percent of the world's mil-

US Senate passes gay rights bill

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Senate passed a historic gay rights bill Thursday, one that would prohibit companies from hiring and firing based on an employee's sexual orientation or gender identity.

Supporters hail the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) as among the most important rights legislation in years, following in the track of landmark laws that enshrined racial equality and banned discrimination against people with disabilities.

"The Senate has clearly spoken to end discrimination in the workplace," said Senator Jeff Merkley, who spearheaded the effort to get the legislation approved in the

Democratic-led chamber.

Ten Republicans joined a united Democratic side in backing the measure, which now heads to the House of Representatives where Speaker John Boehner has signalled his opposition.

President Barack Obama commended the vote as "another historic step toward fulfilling the founding ideals that define us as Americans," and he pressed Boehner to bring the bill to the House floor.

"Just as no one in the United States can lose their job simply because of their race, gender, religion or a disability, no one should ever lose their job simply because of who they are or who they love," Obama said in a statement.



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US shutdown cost \$2.0 billion in lost govt output

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The 16-day US government shutdown cost 6.6 million in lost workdays for furloughed federal workers, amounting to \$2.0 billion in lost productivity, the White House said Thursday in a report.

The Office of Management and Budget survey charted the deep and wide impact of the shutdown across the economy, ranging from delays in approving home loans, missed food safety inspections and a delayed fishing season in the Alaskan crab grounds.

The report was published as the White House steps up warnings that fourth quarter economic growth will be hard hit by the shutdown, caused when Congress failed to agree on a government operating budget by October 1.

It also came before the release of the latest monthly employment report by the Labor Department on Friday, which could show a slowdown in job creation due to the government closure and uncertainty over a near debt default caused by a political meltdown between Republican lawmakers and the White House.

"Federal government employees were furloughed for a combined total of 6.6 million days, more than during any previous Federal government shutdown," the report said.

Since employees were paid after the government went back to work in mid-October after a compromise was worked out between the White House and Republicans in Congress, the government was forced to pay its workforce for work that was never performed.

"We estimate that the total cost of pay for furloughed Federal employees during the period of the shutdown is roughly \$2.0 billion," the report said.

The shutdown was the second longest since 1980

and the most significant on record, measured in terms of employee furlough days, the report said.

The survey reiterated previous estimates by the White House and outside experts that the shutdown could reduce fourth quarter GDP by 0.2-0.6 percentage points and may have meant that 120,000 fewer private-sector jobs were created during the first two weeks of October.

Among the many results of the shutdown, Alaskan crab fisherman lost thousands of dollars a day as their season could not open on time as government officials were not able to set quota sizes.

US National Parks which were closed during the shutdown lost \$500 million in lost visitor spending, the report said.

And the report said the shutdown forced the NASA space agency and the National Institutes of Health to furlough four out of five Nobel-prize winning researchers employed by the government.

The White House, grasping for any good news during a grim political run, meanwhile seized on new government figures showing a surprise spurt of economic growth.

Jason Furman, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors, said the 2.8 percent annualized pace of GDP growth in the third quarter showed the recovery was gathering pace.

But he warned that the government shutdown saga would hit future growth -- and implicitly blamed Republicans.

"During the third quarter, the economy grew at its fastest pace in a year, an indication that the recovery was continuing to gain traction in the months before the government shutdown," Furman wrote in a White House blog post.



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Dutch dad, toddler dead after armed hostage drama

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A Dutch man killed his three-year-old daughter before turning the gun on himself during an hours-long hostage drama at a home in the Netherlands on Thursday, police and officials said.

"The suspected shooter and his three-year-old daughter died in the incident," Petra Dassen, mayor of the small southern city of Reeuven told a televised press conference.

Heavily-armed police burst through door and found the bodies of a 44-year-old man and his daughter on the first floor, police chief Gery Veldhuis said.

The drama started earlier in the day in the small town on the German border, about 200 kilometres (125 miles) south

of Amsterdam, when the man shot his ex-wife in the leg after an argument.

He then grabbed the toddler and ran into the home, where the little girl lived with her mother and parents.

Police surrounded the house and the man told negotiators he would surrender at 12.30 pm (1130 GMT), after "having a cuddle with his daughter".

However Veldhuis said police later heard two muffled sounds but were not sure whether they were gunshots.

Just over two hours later, after failing to make further contact with the man, officers stormed the house and found the bodies inside, he said.

Shortly afterwards, television pictures showed paramedics removing the bodies from the home.

American hijacker, back from Cuba, now faces US justice

MIAMI (AFP) - An American Black Panther who hijacked a plane from the United States to Cuba in 1984 returned to his home country Wednesday and was arrested, the Justice Department said.

William Potts, now 56, has a life story that reads like something on the big screen, spent almost three decades in Cuba, while American prosecutors sought to bring him to justice in the United States.

In Cuba, Potts reportedly thought he would be warmly welcomed and trained as a revolutionary, instead he was tried, convicted and served 15 years in jail where he also converted to Islam.

The American, also known as William Freeman, had been charged with hijacking in the United States for the crime carried out March 27, 1984.

Prosecutors said in their indictment that on that flight, which set out nearly 30 years ago from New York, Potts presented himself as Lieutenant Spartacus. In a note handed to flight attendants, he called for his brothers and sisters in

South Africa to be freed.

Potts also criticized US policy toward Nicaragua's Sandinistas at the time of the hijacking, and sought a ransom of five million dollars, US prosecutors said in a document.

He was arrested Wednesday at Miami's bustling international airport, and was to appear before a federal judge here and could face up to 20 years in prison in the United States, prosecutors said.

So why would Potts return to the United States, even as a disillusioned revolutionary who has served years in tough Cuban prisons?

Potts, who had two daughters with a Cuban wife, said he

refused earlier Cuban offers to send him back to America.

But now he is desperate to see his daughters who left Cuba for the United States, he told CNN.

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CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela shot down a small Mexican-registered airplane in its southwest, the Caracas government said Wednesday, without providing a reason for taking the action or information about possible casualties.

Venezuela's information ministry said in a statement that the air force late Monday "detected and intercepted a Hawker 25 aircraft with the registration XBMGM" in the southwestern state of Apure, near the Colombian border.

The statement quoted the head of Venezuela's strategic command Vladimir Padrino Lopez.

Mexico's foreign ministry said it sent a diplomatic note asking Caracas to "explain the incident in strict adherence with international law."

The air force released pictures of the wrecked plane, with fire still raging in what remained of the fuselage.

Venezuela monitors its border with Colombia to combat drug trafficking. The air force has brought down 13 aircraft linked to drug smuggling this year.

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targets included President Dilma Rousseff's communications, those of state-run energy giant Petrobras and emails and telephone calls of millions of Brazilians.

Colombia's Uribe criticizes agreement with FARC rebels

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia's former president Alvaro Uribe Thursday sharply criticized an agreement reached with the FARC guerrilla group on terms for ending a half century old insurgency.

Government and rebel negotiators announced Wednesday in Havana they had reached agreement on the FARC's political participation if and when a comprehensive peace agreement is reached.

Uribe, who waged a fierce military campaign against the FARC during his 2002-2010 presidency, has vehemently opposed the peacemaking attempts by President Juan Manuel Santos, his successor and former defense minister.

The agreement announced Wednesday was a significant



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Brazil orders Google to hand over Street View data

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazilian judges have given US Internet search giant Google until Saturday to turn over private data collected through its Street View program, press reports said Thursday.

Failure to do so would mean a daily fine of \$50,000, up to a maximum of \$500,000.

Google equips cars with cameras and antennas to take photos of streets and houses, which are later posted to a feature in its maps program called Street View.

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step toward an overall peace agreement after year-long negotiations.

But the sides still must reach agreement on three more issues -- drug trafficking, compensation for victims, and disarmament.

Although the latest agreement was generally welcomed by Colombia's political class, Uribe said it was "unacceptable" to discuss the country's opposition rights or make plans for "new constituencies" that could help FARC in terms of representation.

The FARC, the acronym in Spanish for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, has some 7,000 to 8,000 fighters, and is Latin America's oldest rebel group.

Too fat to fly: French family stranded in US

CHICAGO (AFP) - A French family who came to the United States for medical treatment said they were stranded in Chicago after British Airways determined their son was too fat to fly.

Kevin Chenais, 22, spent a year and a half at the Mayo Clinic for treatment of a hormone disorder which led him to weigh 500 pounds.

His mother was near tears as she described the family's problems to the local CBS affiliate.

The family spent a week in an airport hotel trying to resolve the matter and, running out of money, has decided their only option is to take a train to New York and get back to France on the Queen Mary cruise ship.

Kevin Chenais requires round-the-clock oxygen and medical attention.

"I'm sure a lot of big people like me or bigger cannot travel because they have the same problem," he told the station, head hanging down as he sat up in bed.

"This time before leaving I knew something would go wrong."

A British Airways spokesperson told CBS that its customer service team "worked diligently to find a solution."

Pharmacies strike in Spain over unpaid bills

BARCELONA (AFP) - Hundreds of pharmacies closed for several hours in Spain's northern Catalonia region on Thursday in a strike over the regional government's failure to pay their bills.

Pharmacies put up notices on their shutters informing clients that they would be closed for half the day across the region of roughly 7.5 million people.

Hundreds of pharmacists, many wearing their white lab coats, marched through the streets of Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, to demand that the Catalan regional government pay its bills to pharmacies.

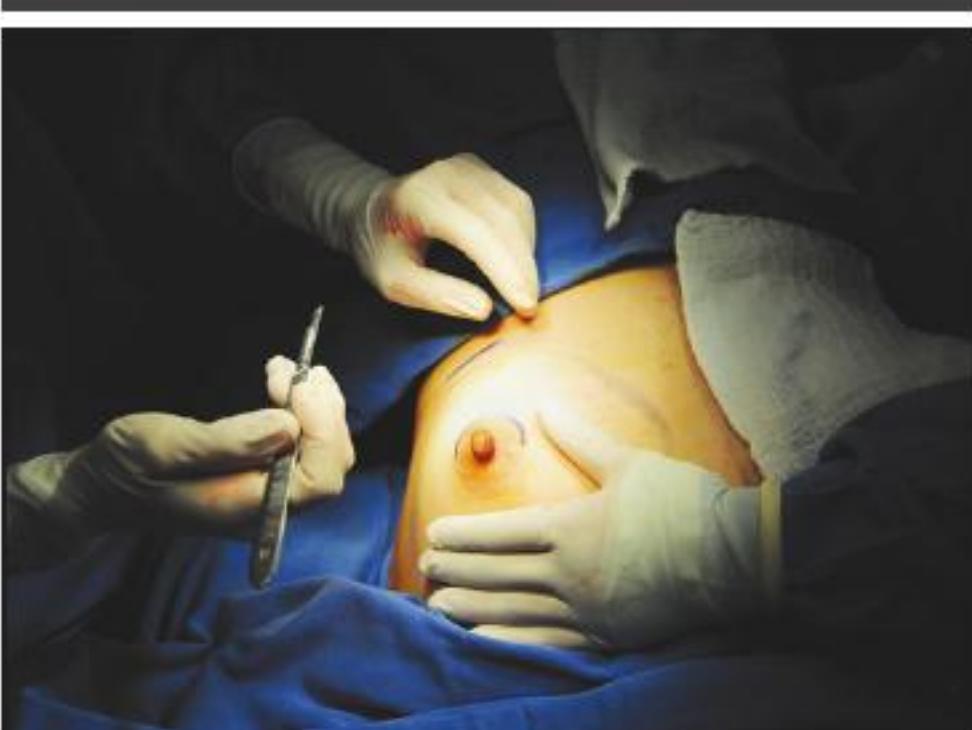
The regional government has not paid pharmacies for prescription medicine issued under the public health system in November and December 2012 as well as in May and October 2013.

It owes pharmacies 416 million euros (\$562 million), according to the Catalan Order of Pharmacists.

Catalonia had to go cap in hand to Madrid in January to ask for 9.07 billion euros from a fund to help debt-laden regions.

Fighting to stabilise the public finances, Spain's central government has imposed tough budget targets on the 17 regional authorities.

Low cost cosmetic surgery in Cali



CALI (AFP) - Colombian plastic surgeon Lina Triana (L) performs a breast augmentation surgery to Angie Astudillo in Cali, Valle del Cauca department, Colombia. The city of Cali has become one of the favorite destinations for men and women from different countries who seek low cost cosmetic surgery performed with professionalism and experience.

US regulators move to ban trans fat from foods

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US regulators on Thursday took steps to ban trans fat from processed foods like microwave popcorn and frozen pizzas, saying the artery-clogging oils are not safe for humans to eat.

"Partially hydrogenated oils (PHOs), the primary dietary source of artificial trans fat in processed foods, are not 'generally recognized as safe' for use in food," the Food and Drug Administration said in a statement.

The FDA said its finding was based on "available scientific evidence and the findings of expert scientific panels."

The agency opened a 60-day comment period before the move can become final and is accepting input on how long it would take food manufacturers to "formulate the products that currently contain artificial trans fat."

If the decision is made final, PHOs would be considered food additives and could not be used in food unless regulators authorized it.

The FDA said its decision would not affect trans fat that occurs naturally in some meat and dairy products, but rather to PHOs that are added to processed foods.

"Food manufacturers have voluntarily decreased trans fat levels in many foods in recent years, but a substantial number of products still contain partially hydrogenated oils, which are the major source of trans fat in processed food," said Michael Taylor, the FDA's deputy commissioner for foods and veterinary medicine.

Food manufacturers cut back their use of trans fat after

a public health campaign to warn of the dangers built steam in the past decade.

In recent years, many food manufacturers and retailers have voluntarily decreased trans fat levels in many foods and products they sell.

Still, trans fats are commonly found in coffee creamers, desserts, microwave popcorn products, frozen pizzas and margarine.

The FDA move was hailed by consumer groups as a major step toward eliminating a type of fat that is blamed for heart disease.

"Artificial trans fat is a uniquely powerful promoter of heart disease, and today's announcement will hasten its eventual disappearance from the food supply," said Center for Science in the Public Interest executive director Michael Jacobson. "Not only is artificial trans fat not safe, it's not remotely necessary. Many companies, large and small, have switched to healthier oils over the past decade."

The CSPI has been urging stricter labels on trans fat since 1993, and in 2004 began campaigning for it to be considered unsafe for food.

The FDA said that "since trans fat content information began appearing in the Nutrition Facts label of foods in 2006, trans fat intake among American consumers has declined from 4.6 grams per day in 2003 to about 1 gram per day in 2012."

Despite that decline, Americans' "current intake remains a significant public health concern," said FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg.

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Researchers find HIV's 'invisibility cloak'

PARIS (AFP) - Scientists said Wednesday they had found an "invisibility cloak" that allows the AIDS virus to lurk unnoticed in human cells after infection and replicate without triggering the immune system.

And they managed to "un-cloak" the virus with an experimental drug in lab-grown cells -- a feat that may lead to new and better HIV treatments, the team wrote in the journal Nature.

"The hope is that one day we may be able to develop a treatment that helps the body to clear the virus before the infection is able to take hold," the study's lead author Greg Towers of the University College London said in a statement by the Wellcome Trust, which co-funded the study.

The body's immune system is the first line of defence against infection, with an "alarm system" in each cell for detecting invading bacteria or viruses.

When the alarm is triggered, the cell activates an anti-viral

response and alerts surrounding cells, which do the same.

But the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infects vital white blood cells of the immune system and replicates undetected for a while before triggering the alarm system -- a trait that scientists have bat-tled to understand.

"HIV is extremely adept at hiding from our body's natural defences, which is part of the reason the virus is so dangerous," said Towers.

"Now we've identified the virus' invisibility cloak and how to expose it, we've uncovered a weakness that could be exploited for new HIV treatments."

Towers and a team identified two molecules inside human cells that are "recruited" by HIV after infection to help shield it and thus delay the immune response.

They then administered an experimental drug, based on Cyclosporine, which is widely used to prevent organ rejection in transplant patients because

it dampens the immune system, according to the state-ment.

The drug prevented the virus using the molecules as a cloak, they found.

"The team used a modified version of the drug, which blocks the effects of the two cloaking molecules without suppressing immune activity," said the statement.

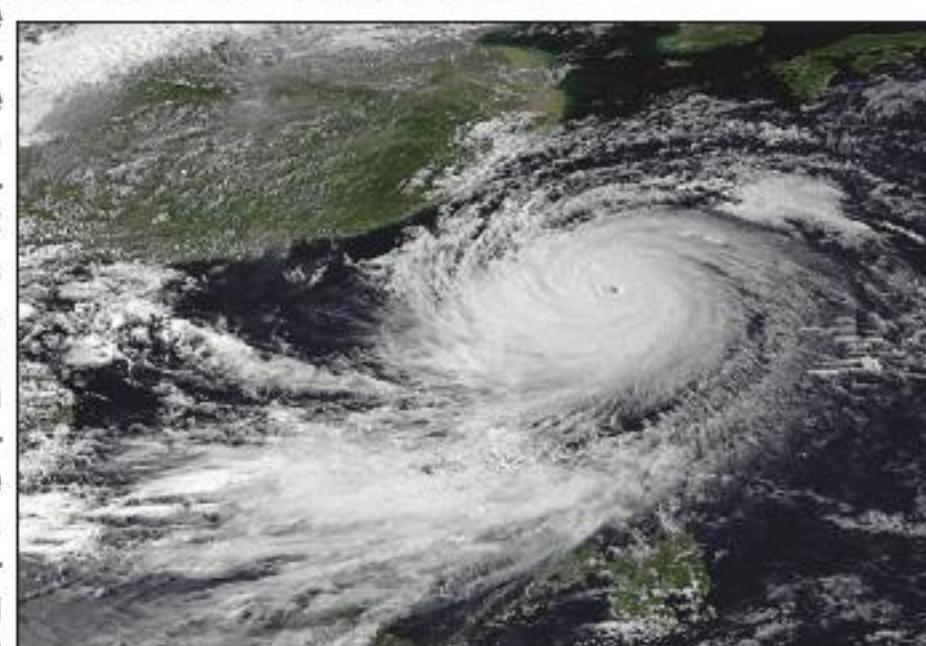
HIV is a retrovirus, inserting its DNA into the genome of CD4+T cells and turning them into virus factories.

Some 35.3 million people around the world are living with HIV, which destroys the immune system and has caused more than 25 million deaths since AIDS first emerged in the early 1980s, according to the World Health Organisation.

Existing treatments help infected people live longer, healthier lives but do not cure AIDS. Many people in poor communities do not have access to the life-giving drugs, and there is no vaccine.

Super typhoon roars toward the Philippines

MANILA - Thousands of people in vulnerable areas of the Philippines are being relocated as the strongest storm on the planet so far ever spins toward the country. With sustained winds of 305 kph (190 mph) and gusts as strong as 370 kph (230 mph), Super Typhoon Haiyan was churning across the Western Pacific toward the central Philippines as one of the most intense tropical cyclones ever recorded. Its wind strength makes it equivalent to an exceptionally strong Category 5 hurricane. The storm, known as Yolanda in the Philippines, is expected to still be a super typhoon, with winds in excess of 240 kph (149 mph), when it makes landfall this morning in the region of Eastern Visayas. The storm is so large in diameter that clouds from it are affecting two-thirds of the country. Authorities in the region had moved more than 3,800 people to evacuation centers by late Thursday, Maj. Reynaldo Balido of the Philippine Office of Civil Defense said. Most of those relocated live in Tacloban City, which sits on the coast of the island of Leyte and has a population of more than 200,000.



Six-tailed asteroid stuns scientists



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A strange asteroid that appears to have multiple rotating tails has been spotted with NASA's Hubble telescope between Mars and Jupiter, astronomers said Thursday.

Instead of appearing as a small point of light, like most asteroids, this one has half a dozen comet-like dust tails radiating out like spokes on a wheel, said the report in Astrophysical Journal Letters.

"It's hard to believe we're looking at an asteroid," said lead investigator David Jewitt, a professor in the University of California Los Angeles Department of Earth and Space Sciences.

The object has been named P/2013 P5, and astronomers

believe it has been spewing dust for at least five months.

The asteroid may have started spinning so fast that it began to disintegrate, scientists say.

They don't think the tails are a result of an impact, because that would cause dust to spray out all at once.

Its multiple tails were discovered in images taken by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope on September 10, 2013, after first being spotted with a telescope in Hawaii.

Jewitt said the object may have come from an asteroid collision some 200 million years ago. Its pattern of dispersing dust in fits and bursts may be how it slowly dies.

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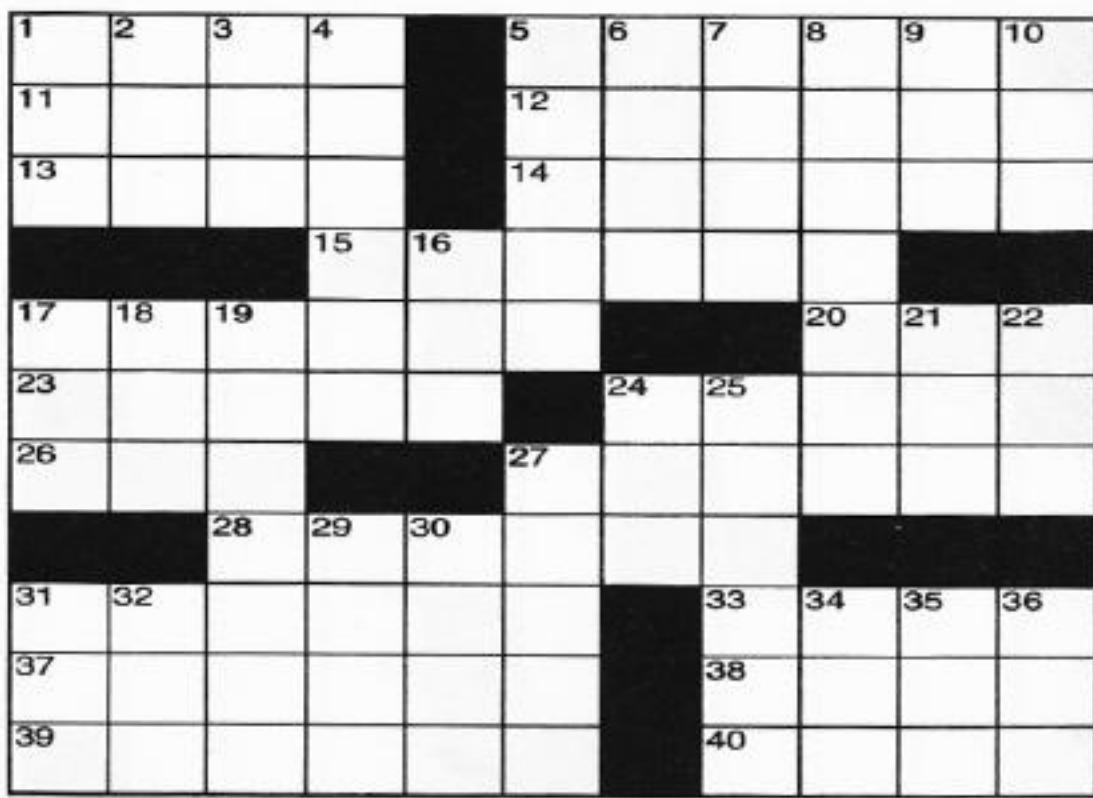
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Switzerland	CHF	191.71	192.43	194.93
Netherlands	EUR	230.59	232.69	240.43
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Inflation falls to three year low

THE HAGUE - The Dutch rate of inflation fell sharply to 1.6% in October, down from 2.4% in September and its lowest level since November 2010.

The rate of inflation has almost halved over the past three months, the national statistics office CBS said.

The decline is due to the im-

pact of the rise in value added tax to 21% in October 2012. This has now been fully absorbed in the figures, the CBS said.

Nevertheless, calculated according to the harmonised European system, inflation in the Netherlands remains high at 1.3%. This is almost double the eurozone average of 0.7%.

It was the department's first estimate of GDP growth for the third quarter; the number could change significantly in its two subsequent estimates.

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ing, hit by "sequester" budget cuts that began in March, fell 1.7 percent following a fall of 1.6 percent in the second quarter.

Both firms have benefited from the improving housing market, which has led to higher home prices and fewer foreclosures, requiring smaller loan-loss reserves.

Freddie reported net income of \$30.5 billion for the third quarter, up from \$2.9 billion in the year-ago period.

Freddie's earnings were bolstered by a \$24 billion tax allowance and by \$900 million in settlements with Wells Fargo, Citigroup and SunTrust Mortgage relating to loans sold by the banks to Freddie that Freddie said did not meet standards.

Fannie reported net income of \$8.7 billion compared with \$1.8 billion in the year-ago period.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



US economy grows 2.8% in Q3 but consumer spending slows

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US economy grew at an annual rate of 2.8 percent in the third quarter, the government said Thursday, but lackluster consumer spending pointed to a weak finish to 2013.

The world's largest economy accelerated from a 2.5 percent pace in the second quarter, surprising analysts who had expected the Commerce Department's first read on third-quarter gross domestic product would show only a 1.9 percent expansion.

It was the strongest pace of GDP growth in a year. But analysts forecast a weaker fourth quarter, after a Washington budget battle forced a 16-day government shutdown in October that shaved an estimated \$24 billion from the economy.

"Unfortunately the details of this report are more likely to send chills up your spine than to warm your heart," said Robert Brusca, chief economist at FAO Economics.

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Inflation heated up, led by price jumps in energy goods and services, but remained well below the two percent target of the Federal Reserve for price stability.

The price index rose 1.8 percent in the third quarter, following a 0.2 percent rise in the second. Excluding food and energy prices, it was up 1.5 percent, compared with a 0.8 percent rise in the prior quarter.

Significantly, growth in consumer spending, which accounts for roughly two-thirds of US activity, slowed to 1.5 percent from 1.8 percent in the second quarter.

Personal income growth slowed to 3.8 percent, from 4.1 percent in the second quarter, while the increase in real disposable income -- adjusted for taxes and inflation -- also fell under pressure from rising consumer prices.

Scott Hoyt of Moody's Analytics warned about headwinds from Congress's decision to use stop-gap budget and debt ceiling measures to reopen the federal government and avoid a debt default.

The White House leaped on the upbeat GDP number. It is "an indication that the recovery was continuing to gain traction in the months before the government shutdown," said Jason Furman, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

The White House meanwhile issued a report outlining the impacts and the costs of the October 1-16 government shutdown.

The total cost of pay plus benefits for furloughed federal workers -- at the peak 850,000 of them -- was estimated at \$2.5 billion, according to the Office of Management and Budget report.

OMB Director Sylvia Matthews Burwell noted, in a conference call, that the amount was "a conservative number" that did not cover the costs of preparing the shutdown, actually shutting down and reopening the government.



HAVANA (AFP) - Cubans and foreign businessmen participate in Havana's International Fair (FIHAV), at the Expocuba premises, on November 7, 2013 in Havana. Cuba hopes to lure foreign investors and establish itself as a regional hub for shipments from Asia after an expansion of the Panama Canal is completed in 2015. Panama, the Bahamas and the Dominican Republic all have similar large port projects, with each positioning to serve as transshipment hubs. Organizers say the largest number of exhibitors will come from Spain, Venezuela, Brazil and Germany.

US rapist took 'coward's way out,' his captive says

CHICAGO (AFP) - Rapist Ariel Castro took "a coward's way out" when he killed himself in prison, one of the three women he abducted and held captive for a decade said Wednesday.

"I understand the reason why he did it," Michelle Knight said. "He finally figured out the pain he put us through was the pain he didn't want to go through."

Knight was the first of the three women to be snatched off the street in 2002 when she was 20 years old.

"I was the most hated," she said in the first public interview given by any of the women since their dramatic escape on May 6.

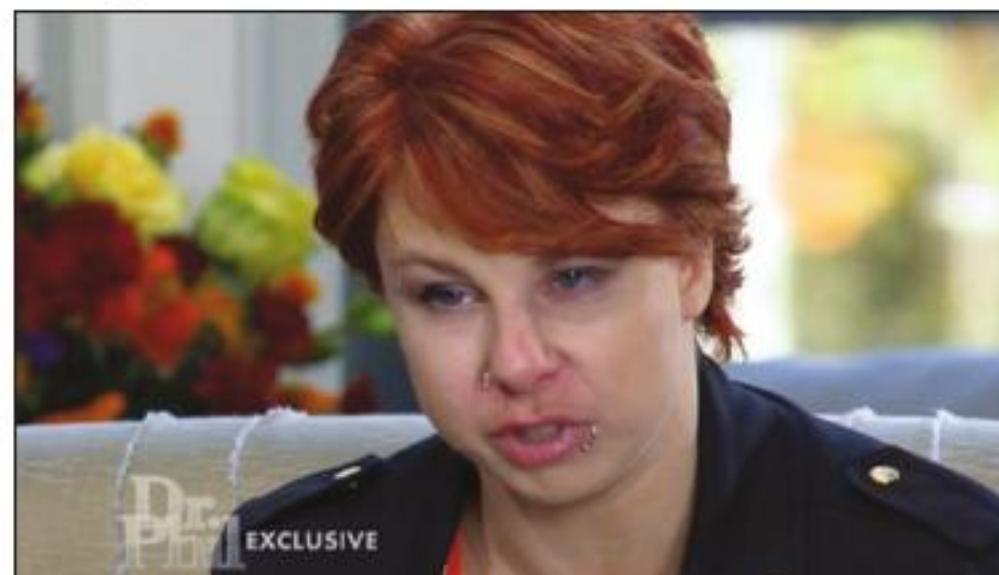
In the second episode of a paid interview with the popular "Dr Phil" television program, the diminutive woman described how she grew close with fellow captive Gina DeJesus after they were chained together in a locked room.

"There was times he would hit her and I would stop him and take the hit," she said. "I know how it feels to be hurt, and I didn't want her to go through that."

She described how DeJesus comforted her after Castro starved her and beat her until she miscarried.

"Every time got worse," she told celebrity therapist Phil McGraw.

"By the third time I got



pregnant, it was kicking, jumping on my stomach like I was a bed," Knight said.

"He would literally have me lay straight and jump on my stomach."

Knight said DeJesus -- who was 14 when she was kidnapped in 2004 -- would try to rub her stomach to ease the pain, but "it just kept on coming like a knife."

She said nearly died when Castro forced her to eat sandwiches with mustard even though she was allergic to it. Her throat and body swelled up. DeJesus wrapped her arms around Knight, who "begged her to let me die, but she wouldn't do it."

She was not close with fellow captive Amanda Berry, who was kidnapped at age 16 in 2003 and bore Castro's daughter.

"He treated her totally different so she looked at the situation in a different way," Knight said. "She was one of

those girls that really didn't get it."

It was Berry who allowed the women to escape after breaking open part of the front door and calling out to a neighbor for help.

Tasting freedom after 11 years of torture was "a roller coaster of mixed emotions," Knight said.

"I wanted to kiss the ground that I was walking on, and thank God for letting me get out of that hell hole."

More than 92 pounds (42 kilos) of chains were found in the filthy, darkened home where the women were kept in locked rooms with boarded-up windows.

Castro, 53, pleaded guilty on August 1, after prosecutors agreed not to seek the death penalty.

He was sentenced to 1,000 years in prison and hanged himself from the window of his prison cell a month later.

Museums, heirs stake first claims to Nazi art trove



BERLIN (AFP) - Museums and heirs have begun to stake claims to a vast trove of priceless paintings long hidden in a German flat, as calls mounted Thursday for authorities to publish a definitive list of the works.

Prominent lawyer and art patron Peter Raue, who works closely with museums in Berlin, said Germany must do its part for transparency as many families of Jews stripped of their assets under the Nazis believe their works may be among those found.

Despite international pressure, German prosecutors have refused to publish a full inventory of the works, citing a need for more time to fully catalogue them and for discretion in their probe.

They have launched an investigation on charges of tax evasion and misappropriation of assets against Cornelius

Gurlitt, in whose garbage-strewn Munich apartment the more than 1,400 works including paintings by Pablo Picasso, Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Henri Matisse were found in February 2012.

The case only came to light this week in a magazine report.

Gurlitt is the son of Hildebrand Gurlitt, a powerful Nazi-era art dealer and collector who acquired the paintings in the 1930s and 1940s.

Hildebrand Gurlitt had been tasked by the Nazis with selling works looted from Jewish collectors or seized as part of a crackdown on avant-garde, so-called degenerate art in exchange for hard currency.

However he appears to have held on to many of the works, even after an investigation by US occupying forces after the war, and he left them to his family after he died in a car accident in 1956.

Rio police charge Justin Bieber over wall tagging

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Canadian teen idol Justin Bieber has been charged with illegally tagging the wall of an abandoned hotel during his stay in Rio, police said Thursday.

A police spokesman described the case as a misdemeanor which will be forwarded to a small-claims court where Bieber, who left the country Wednesday, faces a fine.

Late Tuesday, protected by his security detail, Bieber tagged "Respect privacy" and "I am off" as well as several drawings on a hotel wall in Rio's tourist southern zone.

A police probe subsequently established that the 19-year-old pop star had received permission from City Hall to tag a wall at another location, the Olympic Village in the Vidigal shantytown.

But Bieber's entourage felt he would not be safe there.

"The permission from City

Hall did not extend to other locations," a police statement said.

Since his arrival last Friday after a stop in Sao Paulo, Bieber, who gave a concert here Sunday, had grabbed media attention with a series of peccadilloes.

He was photographed emerging under a blanket from a notorious Rio brothel and later vainly tried to bring prostitutes into the posh Copacabana Palace.

Furious that he was not able to do so, the teen sensation reportedly went on a rampage in his suite, breaking various objects valued at nearly \$6,000 in total.

Bieber and his entourage were subsequently kicked out of the hotel.

Bieber, who was on the Brazilian leg of his world tour to promote his Believe album, left Rio Wednesday for Paraguay on the next stage of his tour.

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sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$7.99! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeno peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they feel secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facil-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Best fighters at Best of the Best Powerade 2013 Taekwondo Cup

ORANJESTAD - Last Saturday the 2013 Best of the Best Powerade Taekwondo Cup games organized by the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation was held on the Centro di Bario Brazil with a total of 17 athletes from Aruba, USA, Suriname and Curacao.

Our young athletes performed marvelously.

Alberto Klaber prepared the pool without any regard for Surinam which came with a powerful young lady in their team. She was placed in the pool of boys because there was no other girl for her in her category.

Suriname's Rodney Wijnhaman who is coach for Danique Wirokarto said nothing and allowed the young girl to fight against the boys, simply because he knew that she is a tremendous 10 year old athlete.

Danique met Paul Coronado in the first round with Paul not knowing what hit him so hard. Danique met with Danon Delamore who with water in his eyes and to submit to Danique. From that moment on Henk Meijer and there after Chaco Cornelio said that the young Danique was the best female international fighter. Danique then met Nassar Lakhman of Curacao and again won him as well. Danique Wirokarto is a young athlete of just 10 years who made an impact here on Aruba.



Our famous Fouwchia Haselhof who is well known on Aruba did not give any advantage to her opponents and bombarded them who stood before her. Fouwchia is a young athlete who continued this way received the opportunity from her parents to travel abroad representing Aruba and

whom we believe will make a big difference, especially now that cadet is in season.

The other athlete who made a difference at the Best of the Best Powerade Taekwondo Cup was Edmar Winterdaal who prepared himself well under the guidance of Teo Rodriguez. Edmar Winterdaal's

pool was full with elite athletes from Curacao, Suriname and the USA. Edmar fought in the adult category -80 kilo. He met with Rodney Wijnaldum from Suriname which was a very close fight and in the final seconds Edmar scored to win the fight. After this, Edmar met with a champion Pan Ameri-

can junior from Curacao, Adrián Jansen.

The fight did not last long and Edmar was able to defeat him in the fight. In the final Edmar met with Giovera Sabajo from Suriname, one of Surinam's top athletes who has all techniques and knew well how to fight against Edmar. This placed Edmar in second place. Special guest for the Best of the Best Powerade Cup since 1995, Henk Meijer chose 4 athletes as best fighters. For international best fighters were chosen: Danique Wirokarto and Giovera Sabajo.

The best national fighters were Fouwchia Haselhof and Edmar Winterdaal. Congratulations to all participants and our best fighters who made a difference at the 2013 Best of the Best Powerade Cup.

Organized by the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation for the 18th consecutive year.

AVB Youth League continues in Major division



ORANJESTAD - Despite the rain which left considerable damage to the ball fields did not discourage our young people from continuing their practice of the sport they love, football. Last Saturday and Monday the games in both minor and major continued giving them some good teams.

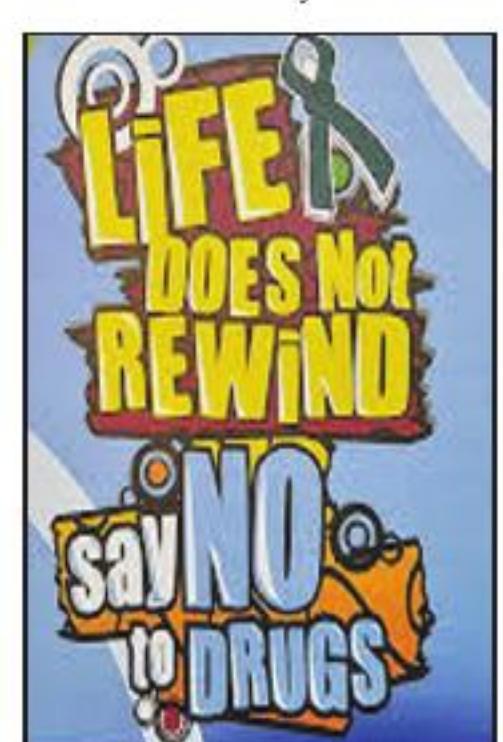
At Estrella the La Fama team paid them a visit and try to take the advantage of the team, but the Pink team of Santa Cruz did not allow this and surprised Estrella by winning the game with a score of 4-2.

games between Britannia and Riverplate could not continue because of the poor state of the field. Also the game of SC United and Estudiantes did not continue because Estudiantes did not participate in the championship.

On the Dakota field the purple team was surprised by perhaps the best team of the championship, which is Nacional/Washington. At half time the game was 2-1 in favor of the visitors with goals by Junior Arismendy and Andrew Valios Smit.

In the second half things got hot, but none of the two teams succeeded in scoring a goal finishing the game with a victory for Nacional/Washington. Dakota's goal was scored by Jean Marc Farro.

RCA has an compassion for the proud players of Noord, namely, Bubali where the tri-color team scored 19 goals and received 0 scores in return. The goals were scored by Brian Dorotaal 4 goals, Champi van den Linden 3 goals, Juan Trinidad 2 goals, Ronaldo Martinez 2 goals, Renny Werrleman 1 goal, Harley Mendoza 1 goal, Jesus Penate 4 goals, Bart 1 goal and Rocero Deiby 1 goal.



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The upcoming Divi Aruba Beach Tennis Tournament is one huge fun event

ORANJESTAD - The Divi Aruba Beach Tennis Tournament, held at Eagle Beach from November 11 – 17, is gearing up for some serious fun. As players from all over the world arrive on the island and many of them can be seen practicing their strokes, organizers Sjoerd de Vries, Jochem Ros and Marc Kiezebrink take a moment to look back at the earliest beginnings of this popular sport, which showcases Aruba to its best advantage. They have spent the past year organizing the upcoming event, which was voted 'Best Beach Tennis Event in the World' in 2012; now they want to prolong that title, of course. And thus this year you can expect even more courts (now 30), bleachers for 2,500 spectators, lots of music, DJ's, a food court and merchandise.



"It will be bigger and better", promise the organizers of Beach Tennis Aruba (BTA).

Eleven years ago the first beach tennis tournament was

held at MooMba Beach; players then used their normal tennis racquets and tennis balls with holes drilled in them to make them less bouncy. But things changed when Maximo



Mattei and Gianluca Chirico from Ravenna, Italy, came to play on Aruba in 2007. They introduced the paddle racquet, which was an instant hit. It made the sport unique and be-

fore long Aruba as well as other countries started their Beach Tennis leagues. Soon MooMba Beach became too small for the monthly ranking tournaments with about 200 participants and moved to Eagle Beach. The International event grew too big for MooMba Beach as well; starting in 2012, it was also held at Eagle.

The upcoming Divi Aruba Beach Tennis Tournament is ranked G1 (the highest) by the ITF, the International Tennis Federation, which recognizes the enormous potential of this exciting sport. On Aruba there are 700 players, the majority of whom play weekly leagues at the newly opened Tropicana Beach Tennis Club (La Cabaña).

With this bit of beach tennis history in your pocket, it will be fun to come on down and watch the action on Eagle Beach, where you won't believe your eyes when you see the pro's play their best. Matches start on Tuesday with singles – on Thursday, November 14 there are mixed doubles and youth matches. On Friday things start to get serious with the Nations Cup, the Team cup and the Masters 50+, while on Saturday and Sunday matches lead up to the finals.

Photos show 'before and after' the big change from tennis racquets to paddles.

Tennis: Federer stays in semi-final hunt

LONDON (AFP) - Roger Federer stayed in the hunt for a semi-final spot at the ATP World Tour Finals on Thursday when he beat Richard Gasquet 6-4, 6-3 in round-robin play.

The 81-minute win meant that Federer avoided the embarrassment of losing two straight group matches in a row for the first time at the year-end event after the six-time champion was beaten by Novak Djokovic in his opening match.

The 17-time Grand Slam winner wasted his first five match points with unforced errors before Gasquet put a return wide.

Federer, playing the season finale for the 12th consecutive year, earned his 11th win over the Frenchman from 13 matches.

He has now won a record 43 matches at season wrap-up tournaments; Gasquet dropped to 1-4 at the finals on his second appearance.

Federer will fight for his



spot against del Potro, whom he beat in Paris last weekend.

Federer was momentarily rocked at the start as Gasquet won the first six points before the Swiss gathered his resources in the must-win contest.

The 32-year-old came from 0-30 in the second game to hold and then seized a break for 2-1.

Federer lost his lead in the eighth game as he saved one break point but sent a backhand wide to bring Gasquet

level at 4-4.

The Swiss broke straight back for 5-4 and set up three set points a game later with his third ace.

The longtime London crowd favourite converted on his first to take the early lead after 34 minutes.

Federer began the second set with a break and stayed in charge throughout despite struggling with his consistency before closing out victory.

The win was his 44th of the season.

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Baseball: Cubs name Renteria manager

CHICAGO (AFP) - The Chicago Cubs named Rick Renteria their new manager on Thursday, giving the former Padres bench coach his first Major League managerial job.

Renteria agreed to terms on a three-year contract with club options in 2017 and 2018. He becomes the Cubs' third manager since Lou Piniella retired late in the 2010 season, following brief stints by Mike



Quade and Dale Sveum.

Renteria, 51, spent the past six seasons as a member of the San Diego Padres' coaching staff.

Selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the first round of the 1980 draft, the former infielder batted .237 in 184 career major league games with the Pirates, Mariners and Marlins. He retired as player in 1996.

Baseball: Mariners name McClendon manager

SEATTLE (AFP) - Lloyd McClendon was handed the task of trying to guide the Seattle Mariners into becoming a Major League Baseball contender after being named manager of the American League squad Wednesday.

McClendon, who spent 16 seasons as a player, became the fourth manager hired since the season concluded but the first with any prior experience, having managed the Pittsburgh Pirates from 2001-2005.

For the past eight years, McClendon has been an assistant coach with the Detroit Tigers, helping the club capture two American League titles.

"Lloyd is a bright and articulate guy," said Mariners general manager Jack Zduriencik, the Pirates' scouting director from 1991-93 when McClendon played for Pittsburgh.

"He has major league managerial experience and has



served in a vital capacity in Detroit under one of the game's best managers. He is a tireless worker and is very respected by the players with whom he has worked. We look forward to Lloyd embracing our players as we move the Mariners forward."

McClendon, 54, went 336-446 with Pittsburgh during a run of 20 years of losing seasons from the Pirates but

helped Jim Leyland guide the Tigers to the World Series twice as a batting coach.

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity to manage the Seattle Mariners," said McClendon. "Seattle has a tremendous group of talented players and the fans and city should be excited about the club's future. I'm looking for this group to take a big step forward."

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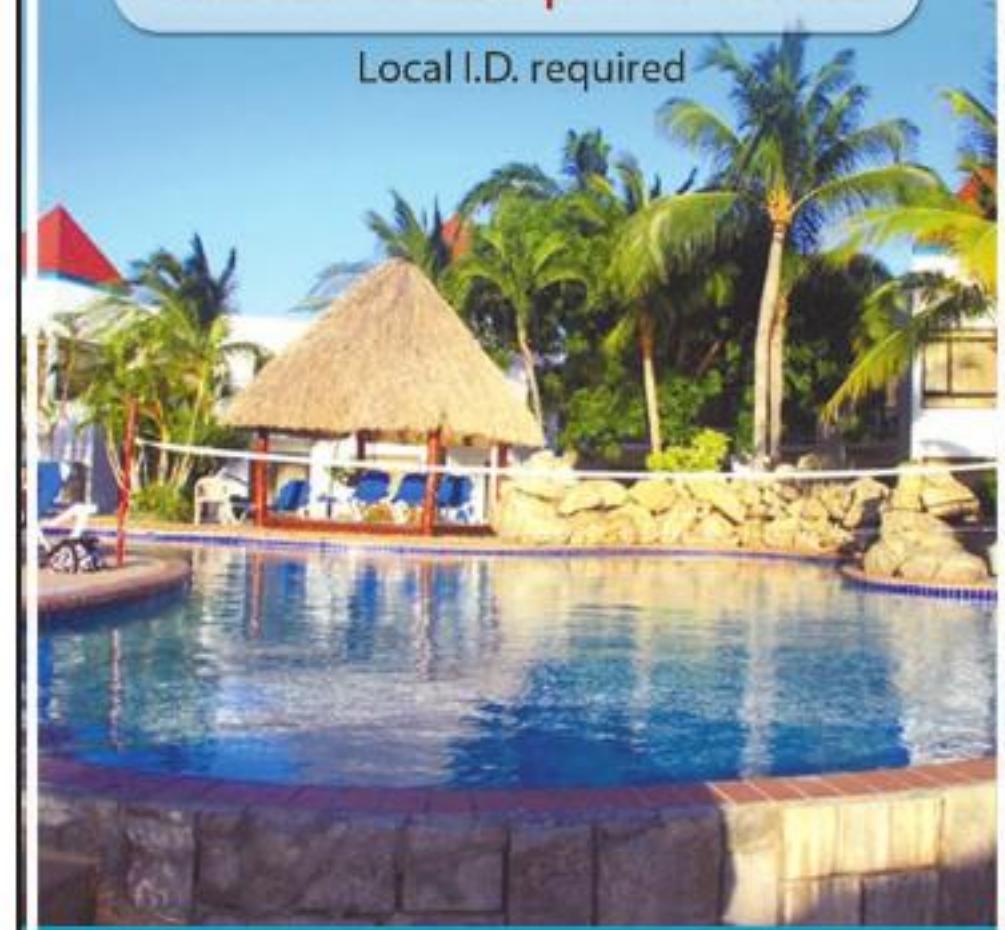
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